

REMARKS

The Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 7, 2005 (Paper No. 2). Independent claims 17 and 22, and dependent claim 18 are in the application.

Applicant has cancelled Claims 1 to 16, and 19 to 21 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and without conceding the correctness of the rejections, and merely to obtain an earlier allowance.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in Claim 17. Claim 17 has been rewritten in independent form as suggested in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 17 is allowable as stated in the Office Action. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,438,385 (Heinonen), U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0060246 (Gobburu), U.S. Patent No. 6,343,212 (Weber), and U.S. Patent No. 6,496,703 (da Silva). Claim 18 has been amended to depend from Claim 17. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 18 is allowable for at least the reasons for the allowability of Claim 17. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of Claim 18 on its own merits is respectfully requested.

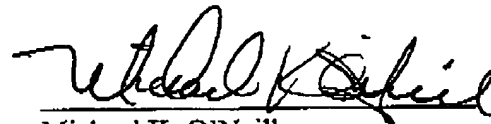
Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Heinonen in view of Gobburu. Claim 22 has been rewritten to substantially include all of the aspects of Claim 17. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 22 is allowable for at least the reasons for the allowability of Claim 17. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are

respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, Applicant submits that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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